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FAMILY PRAYERS,  
FOR TWO WEEKS,

SELECTED FROM VARIOUS APPROVED MANUALS,

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"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua xxiv. 15.

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"This ought to be the sincere resolution, and constant practice of every Christian head of a family. Without this, none can reasonably expect to have dutiful children, or faithful servants; nor justly hope to have God's blessing in this world, or in the world to come."—*Bishop Wilson.*

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# FAMILY PRAYERS.

## FIRST WEEK.

### SUNDAY MORNING.

O THOU Lord of the Sabbath, who hast set apart this day for thyself, and hast commanded us to keep it holy to thy name, look down upon a family of sinful creatures, who are assembled together to acknowledge thy goodness in bringing them to see it.

We adore thee for thy patience and forbearance in not dealing with us according to our deserts, nor rewarding us according to our iniquities. And we beseech thee to pour down upon us the abundance of thy grace, that we may rest this day according to thy commandment. Let not thy Sabbath be a weariness to us, but our delight. Let us honor thee by not doing our own ways, nor finding our own pleasure, nor speaking our own words.

Bless us, O Lord, with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus: bless us, we pray thee, in turning away every one of us from our iniquities. Wash us in the fountain of that

blood which cleanseth from all sin. Clothe us with the robe of that righteousness, which is, by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all them that believe.

Prepare us for the various duties which are now before us. Sanctify unto us thy appointed means of grace. Send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead us; let them bring us to thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacle.

Grant that the Scriptures, which thou hast caused to be written for our learning, may be applied to our hearts in the demonstration of the Spirit, and of power. May we in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, through a crucified Redeemer.

Hear our prayers, O God, for all Christian ministers (especially thy servant who ministereth to us in holy things:) and endue them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit. Give unto them the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind. Help them to take heed to themselves and to their doctrine; that so, according to thy promise, they may both save themselves and those who hear them.

We beseech thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they who do confess thy name, may agree in the

SUNDAY MORNING.

truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. May numbers be added to it, every Sabbath-day, of such as shall be saved.

Look in mercy upon such as have hitherto neglected thy Sabbaths. Teach them to improve those that remain ; and so to redeem the time which they have lost, that they may be numbered among thy believing people.

Give the word, O Lord, that great may be the company of the preachers, who shall go forth into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Let nation after nation be converted to the Christian faith, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of thy glory as the waters cover the sea.

Hear, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, these our imperfect petitions; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies, for the sake of Jesus-Christ, our only Lord and Saviour; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all—evermore. *Amen.*



### SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we beseech thee to accept the worship which we have rendered unto thee on thy holy day. Give thine abundant blessing to all the means of grace, and impart unto us a full conviction of those doctrines of thy gospel which have been delivered to us. May they not only excite our fears and hopes, while the sound of them is yet in our ears; but may they be engraven on all our hearts, by the power of thy Holy Spirit.

We bless thee that thou hast favored us with so many and great advantages; that thou hast given us thy Sabbath; that thou hast enlightened us by thy holy word; that thou hast sent us ministers instructed in thy truths, and hast multiplied our opportunities of edification; that thou hast removed from us many obstacles which others meet with in their heavenly course, and hast made our way plain before us. We heartily bless thee, O Lord, for these unspeakable mercies; but we would rejoice with trembling; knowing that unto whom much is given, of them much shall be required. O Lord, grant unto us thy Holy Spirit; to enlighten our darkness,



to strengthen our weakness, and to supply all that is wanting in us for our spiritual necessities, and for the everlasting salvation of our souls.

We beseech thee to manifest to all our hearts the abounding grace and love of Christ, that we may be delivered from slavish fears, and may advance with cheerful and willing steps in the way of thy commandments. Give us that hope which is the anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast. Vouchsafe unto us that most excellent gift of charity, without which we are but as the sounding brass, and the tinkling cymbal. May we more plainly perceive, and more often reflect on the cause of our having so imperfectly obeyed thee in times past. O God, we have not loved thee, and therefore we have not served thee as we ought. Our hearts have been too cold and insensible; Christ our Saviour hath died for us; but we have remained little affected by all that he did and suffered for us.

Give us such a deep sense of our obligations to him, and such a steadfast hope of immortal life through him, that no temptations may prevail over us. May we be occupied, whenever we may have seasons of retirement, with the hope of heaven and the love of Christ, and when we are engaged in business in the world, may our love to thee inspire us with such continual zeal in doing good, and such holy activity in our calling, that we



may be preserved from those snares to which the careless and the profane are constantly exposed. And thus may we pass on through life ; growing in grace ; attached more and more to every principle of the gospel : looking to the author and finisher of our faith ; and anticipating a happy resurrection. O may we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering ; and, in the ensuing week, may we remember what this day we have been taught ; and may we obtain of thee by daily prayer, the constant aid of thy heavenly grace ; we ask it for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



### MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things ; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness

and of thy great mercy keep us in the same through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O merciful and gracious Lord God, who art the rewarder of all them who seek thee : vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to send down thy blessing upon this family, here assembled together to offer up our common supplications to thy divine majesty. Bless us with health of body and peace of mind. Preserve us this day by thy good providence from all evil accidents, that we may safely and thankfully enjoy the comforts which Thou art pleased to bestow upon us. Make us diligent to perform the duties of our respective stations, and careful to redeem that precious time which we cannot recal ; and do thou of thy goodness give a blessing to our endeavors that we may prosper in all our just undertakings and concerns. Above all, give us an heart to know and receive thy will, and also grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same. We thank thee for the opportunity we yesterday enjoyed of entering thy house, and engaging in thy service. May every good impression then made upon our minds be deepened, every holy resolution confirmed, every wholesome lesson remembered ; and may we be enabled, during the course of this day, and of this week to carry much of a Sabbath day's spirit into all the ordinary business and intercourse of life. We beseech thee, O Lord, to bless all in whom we are interested. Wherever they are, may they

be objects of thy care, subjects of thy grace, and partakers of thy bounty. Bless us in the discharge of our duties to one another, and grant that we may all dwell together in peace and unity, and in the spirit of thy fear, and of brotherly love, remembering that thou art the Father and Master of us all. Enlighten those among us who are in ignorance and error. Convert those that are in a state of sin. Support and strengthen those that believe, and give them perseverance unto the end; and grant that every member of this family may be a real, as well as a professed member of Christ's Church on earth; and at length of his glorious Church in Heaven, for the sake of the same, thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



### MONDAY EVENING.

**ALMIGHTY** and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly father, at the close

of the day we would remember the blessings we have received from thy hands in the course of it, and humbly approach thee to offer up our thanks. Give us grateful hearts, and teach us to show our gratitude by studying to please thee as dutiful children. We acknowledge that we do not thank thee in this way, but while thou dost crown our days with thy mercies, we too often defile them with sin. We confess our offences and desire to be sincerely sorry for them, that we may obtain thy forgiveness through the merits of our blessed Redeemer. Pardon our pride and vanity ; our idleness and self indulgence, and all our dispositions and tempers which have been displeasing in thy holy eyes. Pardon whatever rash and angry words we have this day spoken, and all the bad thoughts that have risen up in our minds and which we have not been careful to resist ; and pardon, above all, O Lord, our greatest sin, forgetfulness of thee and ingratitude to our blessed Saviour. We have much, very much to be forgiven. O teach us to love much. Save us from offending thee so often. Help us to set thee always before us, that every day we may grow better, and every night retire to our rest at peace with thee and with all around us. Remember in mercy, O Lord, all our relatives and friends. Grant them the blessings that we seek for ourselves ; write their names and ours in the Lamb's Book of Life, that at last when we stand be-

fore thy throne we may together hear from thy gracious lips: Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Take us, we pray thee, under thy guardian care this night. Let us rest beneath the shadow of thy wing. Keep us from sinful thoughts, when we are about to close our eyes in sleep; and let our first thoughts in the morning be of thy goodness and our duty to serve thee, our constant benefactor. These things, and all that we need, we beseech thee to grant for the sake of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us! The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore! *Amen.*



## TUESDAY MORNING.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual Grace, the Author of everlasting life; we thine unworthy Servants desire to praise thy Name, for all the expressions of thy bounty towards us. We give thee thanks, that thou hast preserved us from many and great dangers, wherewith we have been encompassed; that thou hast brought us safe to the light of this day; that thou hast refreshed us the past

night, with quiet rest and sleep. But above all, we bless thee for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of Grace, and for the hope of Glory.

Pardon, good Lord, we beseech thee, all our former sins, and all our abuses of thy forbearance and long-suffering, for which we are now sorry at our hearts. Give us grace to lead more holy lives, and to be more careful in improving all future opportunities. Make thyself present to our minds, and let thy love and thy fear rule in our souls, in all those places and companies where our occasions shall lead us this day.

Keep us chaste in all our thoughts; temperate in all our enjoyments; humble in all our opinions of ourselves; charitable in all our speeches of others; meek and peaceable under all provocations; sincere and faithful in all our professions; and so just and upright in all our dealings, that no necessity may force, nor opportunity in any kind allure us to defraud, or overreach our neighbour. When thou bestowest good on others, let us not envy, but rejoice in it; and when thou addest any to ourselves, let us own thy mercy, and humbly thank thee for it.

Afford us convenient supplies in all our reasonable necessities, and protect us against the approach of all dangers; make us diligent in our affairs, and give such success to our lawful endeavours, as thou seest best



and most expedient for us ; teach us contentedly to submit, and not to repine at any thing that happens by the allotment of thy wise Providence.

In all our passage through this world, and our manifold concerns in it, suffer not our hearts to be too much set upon it ; but always fix our minds upon the blessed hope of everlasting life, that as we go along, we may make all the things of this world minister to it, and be careful, above all things, that our souls be fitted for that pure and perfect bliss, which thou hast prepared for all who love and fear thee, in the glories of thy kingdom.

Direct us in all our actions, guard us against all dangers, relieve us in all straits, and grant that we may always make thee our confidence, and take all things well that thou orderest for us. Shorten our sorrows, and deliver us from all our sins, for Jesus Christ's sake ; in the full extent of whose words, we pray to be heard both for ourselves, and for all mankind.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



## TUESDAY EVENING.

O LORD of Hosts, the God of Israel, thou art God, even thou alone ; thou hast made heaven and earth. Incline thine ear, we beseech thee, and hear : open thine eyes, O

Lord, and see; and graciously grant, that though in ourselves we are unworthy of thy regard, in Jesus Christ we may be accepted, and answered, and blessed.

For his sake, we humbly entreat thee, mercifully to forgive us all the sins we have this day committed. Make us sorry for our short comings and provocations. Teach us to profit by the additional experience which every day affords of the deceitfulness of our own hearts, and of the temptations to which we are exposed; and help us in time to come to be more on our guard against the sins that do so easily beset us, and to exercise a firmer dependance on Him through whom alone thy people have their strength renewed, and are made more than conquerors over all their spiritual enemies.

We give thee thanks, gracious God, for the renewed tokens we have this day experienced of thy providential care and goodness. We thank thee that we have received our daily bread—that we have been preserved from danger—that we have been permitted to taste the pleasures of social and friendly intercourse,—and that now, in circumstances of so much external comfort we are called to enjoy the infinitely higher privilege of fellowship with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. Enlarge our minds, O Lord, with sentiments and feelings corresponding to the benefits we have received. Help us to feel, to speak, and to act,

as the children of so many mercies. May the goodness of God, our heavenly Father, influence our whole conduct ; and in every thing may we give thanks.

Nor, in the enjoyment of temporal mercies, let us be tempted to forget those which are spiritual and eternal. We acknowledge, and we lament, our proneness to accept of things which perish in the using, as if they were meant to form our portion. But let thy Spirit raise our minds above the inferior and unworthy objects of mere temporal gratification, and fix them upon the glorious and the unchanging realities at thy right hand.

Be with us, we beseech thee, through this night. If it please thee, grant us sleep to refresh our bodies and our minds. If awake, may we remember thee upon our beds, and meditate upon thee in the night-watches : may our souls follow hard after thee ; and let thy right hand uphold us.

Be bountiful to all our friends. Enrich them with thy grace. Comfort them under all their trials : and accommodate the supplies of thy Holy Spirit to their various characters, circumstances, ages, and necessities.

Look favourably upon thy Church and people. Do good, in thy good pleasure, unto Zion : build thou the walls of Jerusalem : restore thine ancient people to their former place in thy favour ; and with them let the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, we beseech

thee : and when thou hearest, do thou accept and answer, and bless us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Advocate and Mediator, to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be glory everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.



## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O MOST gracious and merciful God, by whom the world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, in preserving us from the dangers of the night past, and bringing us safe this morning to see another day.

We gratefully acknowledge our dependence upon thee, for all the necessities, conveniences, and comforts of life ; for all the means of our well-being here, and of our everlasting happiness hereafter.

We give thee thanks for the light of thy gospel, and the help of thy grace, and for the promise thou hast made us of pardon and forgiveness through thy Son Jesus-Christ, on our sincere repentance and amendment.

Give us, we beseech thee, such a sense of these and all other thy mercies to us, as may make us truly thankful to thee for them.

Give us grace that we may ever walk as in thy sight ; make a conscience of all our

ways ; and fearing to offend thee, may never fall into the sins we have repented of.

Enable us to resist and overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the Devil ; To follow the motions of thy good Spirit ; to be serious and holy in our lives ; true and just in our dealings ; watchful over our thoughts, our words, and our actions ; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things.

Give us grace honestly to improve all the talents which thou hast committed to our trust : and may no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, divert us from the concerns of the life to come !

May thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance ; and upon all that belong to us : and may we never undertake any work, which we dare not beg thee to prosper !

May thy grace defend us in all assaults of our enemies ; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that which is righteous in thy sight.

Give us, gracious God, what is needful for us, and grace not to abuse thy favours : Give us, we beseech thee, contented minds ; and make us ever mindful of the wants of others.

Give us, in this world, the knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. *Amen.*

Hear us, O merciful God, not according to our imperfect petitions, but according to the full meaning of that form of prayer which Jesus-Christ has taught us, and for his sake.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us, &c.



## WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, after thy great goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences; wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness.

Grant us, O Lord, the assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that for the time to come we may think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will. Let



thy grace always so prevent and follow us, as to make us continually to be given to all good works.

Take us, O Lord, we beseech thee, into thy protection this night, and by thy great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of it. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul.

Extend thy goodness, O Lord, to the whole race of mankind. Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics ; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word ; and so fetch them home to thy flock, that they may be saved with thy people in the great day of the Lord Jesus. Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same. We make our humble supplications to thee for all our benefactors, friends, and relations, also for our very enemies ; let thy fatherly hand be ever over them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life.

And as we pray unto thee, O God, for ourselves and others, so we desire to bless and praise thy holy Name, for all thy good-

ness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We give thee hearty thanks for the preservation of us the day past, and the rest of our lives, from innumerable accidents and dangers ; for the comforts and conveniences, as well as the necessities of life ; but above all we praise thee for the redemption of the world, by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, who did humble himself even to the death of the cross, for us miserable Sinners, who lay in darkness, and in the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. Teach us to express our thankfulness by submitting ourselves entirely to thy holy will and pleasure, and by studying to serve thee in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Accept, O Lord, of these our prayers and praises, in and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who has taught us, when we pray, to say,

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



## THURSDAY MORNING.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness, be ready, we beseech thee to hear the devout prayers of thy church ; and grant that those things which

we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we humbly thank thee for having preserved us through the past night, and for granting us health for the duties of another day. Blessed be thy name for all thy mercies; for giving us food to eat and raiment to put on, and for delivering us from the many evils which our sins have justly deserved.

Above all we thank thee for thine inestimable gift, thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. We confess before thee our exceeding guilt, and pray thee, for what he has done, to pardon our offences, and to receive our souls when we die.

We beseech thee also, for his sake, to grant unto us the help of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled to follow his example and to obey his precepts in all things. May we be patient, humble, kind and merciful, endeavoring to do good unto all men whenever we have opportunity, and forgiving those who do us wrong, even as we hope to be forgiven.

Grant us grace this day diligently to perform its duties, to be true and just in all our dealings, ever doing unto others as we would they should do unto us; and help us, O Lord, to govern our tongues, to subdue our tempers, to restrain our thoughts from wandering into evil, and never to yield ourselves to the power of temptation. If sinners en-

tice us, may we not consent. Preserve us especially from those sins which in times past we have most frequently committed, and strengthen us by thy Spirit, that they may overcome us no more. Incite us to industry, that we may redeem the time, and finish the work which thou hast given us to do. Make us eager after knowledge—especially the knowledge which maketh wise unto salvation. These things, for our beloved friends and relations, as well as ourselves, we humbly ask in the name of the adorable Redeemer—Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

May peace be with us from God, the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom, with the Holy Spirit, be all glory and dominion now and evermore !



### THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who seest all our thoughts, and words, and works, and who wilt judge us at the last day ; we beseech thee to pardon whatsoever sins we have this day committed against thy divine majesty ; and to give us grace to examine ourselves, that we may know wherein we have offended against thee.

We fear that we have this day done many things which we ought not to have done ; and have left undone many things which we

ought to have done : that we may have indulged our pride, and our evil tempers ; and harbored many sinful thoughts : that we may have been negligent in the performance of the duties of our station ; and may have omitted opportunities of doing good. We profess to be thy servants ; but how great a part of our duty do we often leave unperformed ! O pardon our offences for Jesus Christ's sake ; and teach us continually to amend our lives, that we may become his disciples, not in name only, but in deed and in truth.

We pray thee to take us under thy gracious care this night : we are surrounded by dangers, and are at all times unable to help ourselves ; but the darkness and the light are both alike to thee ; and thou art ever present with those who put their trust in thee. How many are there who will pass this night in sorrow and in pain ! How many who will mourn through the disquietude of their hearts ; and are without any sure hope in their God ! O Lord grant unto us, if it please thee, refreshing rest ; but especially, teach us to put our trust in thee.

May we know in whom we have believed ; and may our souls be safe in the hands of that Redeemer to whom we have committed them ; and in whose merits alone we desire to trust.

We most humbly address thee in behalf of all those for whom it is our duty to pray.

We would intercede with thee for our native land, that it may still be favored with the light of thy Gospel; and that the seeds of divine knowledge sown in it may bring forth abundant fruit. Bless all in authority over us; and give them wisdom to fulfil the arduous duties to which they are called. Have mercy on all who are in any sorrow; on the widows, and the fatherless, and on those who have none to help them. Look down with compassion on those who suffer from the calamities of war. Be merciful to our dear friends and relations. Let the light of thy gospel shine into all their hearts. Grant that they may be now united with us in the bonds of Christian love; and that we may all be members of thy blessed family in heaven.

O Lord, pardon the infirmity of these our prayers; and answer us, not according to what we either desire or deserve, but according to the riches of thy grace in Jesus Christ; for whom we bless thee, and to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



## FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we, thy



needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for thy preservation of us from the beginning our lives to this day, and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. To thy watchful providence we owe it, that no disturbance hath come nigh us or our dwelling ; but, that we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For these thy mercies, we bless and magnify thy glorious name ; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving ; for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

And, since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives ; we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life : in which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us ; that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

But, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with ; we humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy holy Spirit ; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and

such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions; and, according to the works done in the body, be eternally rewarded or punished, by him whom thou hast appointed the Judge of quick and dead, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

In particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaccable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways and prosper the works of our hands in the business of our several stations. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all things belonging to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg, through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

MOST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins ; we come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them ; and work in us a hearty contrition ; that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners ; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer.

And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls ; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice ; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath ; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee and towards men : That so, we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations ; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy Church ; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us ; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble ; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities, for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

To our prayers, O Lord, we join our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies ; for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body ; for our health, friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty toward thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great pro-

vocations ; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit ; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives ; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day : beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us ; and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to his laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In particular, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them ; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust ; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die : so that living and dying we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose name we offer up these our imperfect prayers.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



### SATURDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid : cleanse the thoughts of our

hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit ; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we give thee humble thanks for thy fatherly care over us, especially during the past night ; beseeching thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercies and sincerely thankful for them.

Give us grace that we may walk this day as in thy sight, making a conscience of our ways and fearing above all things to offend thee ; may we not fall into the sins of which we have repented.

Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil—to follow the motions of thy good spirit—to be pure and holy in our intentions—true and just in our dealings—watchful over our thoughts and actions—diligent in our business, and temperate in all things. And because we cannot be safe without thy succor, defend us, we beseech thee, from all dangers both of soul and body.

Make us ever sensible that we depend upon thee ; that in all our necessities we may look to thee for help. Give us whatever is needful for us, and withal give us, we pray, contented minds.

Bless the place in which we dwell. Let thy grace be largely manifested here ; the ministry of thy word fully blessed ; may thy



presence be known and felt among thy people ; thy love and tenderness move them ; and the hope and expectation of thy glory be continually present in their minds. We beseech thee to regard with thy favour all whom thou hast placed in authority over us. May we enjoy the blessings of peace, and wilt thou preserve us from entering upon any unrighteous wars or suffering by unjust aggressions of others. Make us a penitent and believing people, fearing God and working righteousness. Bless this our family ; may it appear that we have been given to each other and brought together in thy providence to be a full blessing to each other, in body, and in soul, for time and eternity. O may we all, through thy imparted grace, bring to each other that daily help and comfort which thou didst design for us by our union as one family together. Remember for good our dear relatives and friends ; give them and us all the real blessings of this life, and grace not to abuse them—but above all, the blessings of the life to come. And this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*  
Our Father, &c.  
The grace of our Lord, &c.



## SATURDAY EVENING.

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which we enjoy, and to whom we owe the blessed and glorious hope of everlasting life, we desire to render unto thee this our evening sacrifice of prayer, and praise, and thanksgiving. We acknowledge thy goodness to us since the morning, and praise thee that day by day thou dost crown our lives with mercy and loving kindness.

We pray thee to increase our trust and confidence in thee. Deliver us from the love of this changeful and uncertain world. Strengthen our faith in the great promises of thy gospel; and grant that, having committed ourselves to thy mercies in Jesus Christ, we may find in him continual rest and peace.

We beseech thee, for his sake, to pardon whatever sins we have this day committed against thee. Although we profess to know thy word, and to live in obedience to thy will, in how many things do we continue to offend! We are often slothful in the performance of our duties; we fail to watch against our peculiar temptations; we yield to the evil example of those around us; we gratify our pride; we indulge our evil tempers; we renew our sins, to the great disquiet of our souls. O Lord, forgive, for Jesus Christ's sake, the offences of this day; and pour out upon us thy Holy Spirit; that we may become more steadfast and zealous in thy service, and more diligent in every good work.

We commit to thy gracious and fatherly

care all those for whom it is our duty to pray. Have compassion on our dearest relations and friends. Supply their various wants through the riches of thy mercy in Jesus Christ.

Bless our civil rulers ; and give them wisdom to fulfil the arduous duties to which they are called.

Be merciful to all who are in sorrow. Look down with pity on those who suffer through the calamities of war ; on prisoners and captives ; and on all who are destitute and oppressed. Bestow thy special favor on thine afflicted servants ; and cause their earthly troubles to issue in their eternal joy.

Have mercy on the young : may there be never wanting in this land a seed to serve thee ; and may those who shall come after us, obtain from thee an increase of light and knowledge, as well as of faith, and hope and love ; that the fruits of righteousness may abound ; and the excellency of thy gospel may be more and more manifested in the world.

We now commit ourselves to thee for this night ; earnestly beseeching thee to bless us, and to take us under thy gracious protection. With the week that is about to close we would dismiss all our wordly cares and thoughts. May we rise in the morning with every good desire growing up in us ; and go to the duties of the following day, remembering that we are candidates for a heavenly

prize ; and looking beyond these temporal things, to a better and more enduring inheritance.

Assist us in all our attempts to serve thee, and let thy word, thine ordinances, and thy Sabbath, be sanctified to us, and to all who with us shall call upon the Father through Jesus Christ.

We present unto thee these our imperfect supplications, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

## SECOND WEEK.

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### SUNDAY MORNING.

GRACIOUS Lord of light and life ! we desire to remember that thou hast commanded us to keep holy the Sabbath day, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law. We confess that we have often disobeyed it ; O forgive us for our Saviour's sake. Let our souls bless and thank thee, that we see the morning light of another of thine own holy days. Grant us grace to resist every temptation to spend any part of it in a vain or useless manner. Grant us grace to consider the use we should make of the time, which thou, our Creator, hast commanded us to keep holy. When we read thy word may we meditate on thy precepts, so that we may be enabled to say, " Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." May all the instructions we receive concerning thy word, be as seed sown in good ground, that shall spring up and bear fruit an hundred-fold. When we are in thy house of prayer, may we feel that we are there to worship, and not to behave in a trifling manner ; not to perform a cold and heartless service, but to confess our sins.

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 you always, even unto the end of the world."  
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 their supplications. Hear our prayer for

Christ's sake ; and to him, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and dominion now and evermore.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



### SUNDAY EVENING.

O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubim, thou art God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth ; and beside thee there is none other. Thou art our God, and we will praise thee ; thou art our God and we will exalt thee.

We praise thee for every opportunity which hath been afforded us of becoming wise unto salvation.

We bless thee for casting our lot in a land where the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

We glorify thy name for nourishing us, and bringing us up in a church which is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

We heartily thank thee, O heavenly Father, for giving us thy blessed word, to direct us in the way of life. Let it not be unto us a sealed book, and a dead letter ; but open our understandings to understand the Scrip-

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Above all, we praise thee for the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And we entreat thee, Almighty God, to grant us perfectly to know him to be the way, the truth, and the life ; that under the guidance of thy Holy Spirit, we may steadfastly walk in the path that leadeth unto life eternal.

But while we praise thee most gracious father, for these and all thy other mercies, we acknowledge and confess our own unworthiness, and manifold abuse of them. We humble ourselves before thee, beseeching thee, of thy great goodness, not only to accept our praise, but to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances. Pardon the iniquity of our most holy things ; and wash us in the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour.

Hear us, O Lord, for his sake ; and grant that, however we have fallen short of our duty this day, we may not have attended thy ordinances altogether in vain. Though we are unprofitable servants, do not forsake us. Though we are dull of hearing, and slow of heart to believe, yet mercifully bear with our infirmities, and cast us not away from thy presence. Grant that every Sabbath may be the means of bringing us nearer to thyself, and of making us more meet for the enjoyment of thy glorious kingdom.



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord, in our prayers and supplications for all men.

Prosper the labors of thy faithful servants who have this day published the glad tidings of salvation. Give thy blessing to the seed which they have sown, that it may bring forth fruit abundantly.

Let grace and peace be multiplied to all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. O Lord save thy people and bless thine inheritance.

Hear the prayers which have been offered up for all estates of men in thy holy Church; and answer them in the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And, as thou hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone, grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable unto thee. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



### MONDAY MORNING.

WE fall down before thee, O merciful Father, to offer up our united prayers and praises at the footstool of thy divine Majesty. We thank thee that thou hast preserved us during the night past in peace and safety,

and raised us up again to see the light of another morning.

And now that we are again returned to the ordinary duties of life, after a day spent in thy more immediate worship and service, enable us, we beseech thee, to go forth with an earnest desire of carrying into execution any holy purposes which we may have formed, and of living more under the influence of thy heavenly grace. May we set out as with the vows of the Lord upon us, and as with a fresh impulse of soul, disposing us more to do the will of God from the heart. May our chief thoughts, our main desires, be about heavenly things, and may we be comparatively little interested about the concerns of this world. May we serve thee with a deep sense of our own weakness, and look up to thee for continual supplies of grace and strength out of the fulness which is in Christ Jesus; that so we may be enabled to put off entirely the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and may be renewed in the spirit of our minds.

Oh, may we experience this blessed transformation, and meanwhile may we endeavour to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we remember that we shall have to give account to thee hereafter for the talents committed to our stewardship; that we may render up our account at last with joy, and meet our blessed Saviour with

confidence, and not be ashamed at his coming.

And now, Lord, let us once more lift up our voices in praise and thanksgiving for all the renewed mercies which we experience at thy hand. We thank thee that thou hast placed us in that portion of all the earth, in which we enjoy so great a measure of personal comfort, and are, at the same time, favoured with so great advantages for our everlasting happiness. Oh, let us remember the obligations which rest upon us, and be filled with more continual gratitude to thee, our great and unwearied Benefactor. May the experience of thy goodness as to the things of time make us call upon thee more earnestly for the blessing of eternity.

And now we beseech thee take us, and all whom we should remember in our prayers, into thy gracious keeping for the ensuing day. Guard us against our great spiritual enemy ; succour us in every season of temptation ; and enable us to live in thy faith, and fear, and love, under a constant recollection of thy presence, and with a continual desire of thy favour. We ask all in the name and for sake of Jesus Christ our great Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

## MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD God, infinitely great, glorious, and holy, we adore thy goodness for the blessings of the day which we are now concluding, for all our temporal comforts, and still more for all thy spiritual favours. May we lie down this night with a deep feeling of our obligation to the long-suffering and loving kindness of our God and Saviour.

Pardon the sins, negligences and ignorances of the day that is past ; at the close of our best days there is much for which we have reason to be humbled in thy presence. O Lord, enter not into judgment with us, for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. Take away from us, we beseech thee, every remainder of the heart of stone, and give us hearts of flesh. Enable us to feel our ruined condition without a Saviour, and to fly for refuge to the hope set before us, and may we press forward to the prize of our high calling, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Grant, Lord, we beseech thee, that we may live under a constant recollection of our true condition in this life, that we may remember we are here for a short and uncertain season, and that death and eternity are at hand. May we live therefore with our loins girded and our lamps burning, as those who wait for the coming of their Lord. May we be diligent in our Master's business

employing the various faculties which thou hast given us to thy honour, and striving more and more to let our light so shine before men, that they may glorify our Father which is in heaven. Grant, Lord, we beseech thee, that we may also be more useful in our day and generation. May we be endeavouring to lessen the vice and misery which are in the world. And may we strive to serve thee, not merely from considerations of interest, or from motives of slavish fear, but from a grateful sense of the obligations which we owe thee, and from a desire to do thy heavenly will out of a deep sense of the mercies which thou art continually pouring out upon us.

We pray to thee also for our fellow-creatures, more especially for our friends and benefactors, and grant to all whom we should remember in our prayers the same blessings which we ask for ourselves. Bless in particular all who are endeavouring to make known the glad tidings of a Redeemer to those who now sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Pity those who are groaning under the yoke of oppression, those who are enduring the ravages of war. Oh, may there be an end to all their evils, may peace and love prevail through the earth.

And now, Lord, take us, we beseech thee, into thy gracious keeping for the ensuing night. Guard us against our great spiritual enemy; succour us in every season of temp-

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Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.



## TUESDAY MORNING.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, what shall we render unto thee for all thy benefits conferred upon us ! Adored be thy mercy for all the blessings we are continually receiving from thee. How hast thou renewed our lives and our mercies to us this morning ! May all that is within us bless thy holy Name. O put thy Spirit within us, and cause us to walk in thy statutes. Give us grace to glorify thee in our bodies and in our spirits, which are thine.

We praise thee O God, for the unspeakable gift of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Grant us so to believe in him, that we may have life through his Name.

We praise thee for the gift of the Holy Ghost. May our bodies be the temples of his continual abode. Let us not walk according to the course of this world, according

to the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience; but, as the children of God, may we be led by the Spirit of God, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Let us not resist or grieve thy Holy Spirit, but in all things obey his godly motions, to thy glory, and to our comfort and salvation. May our understandings be enlightened, our hearts sanctified, and our wills subdued, according to the working of his mighty power.

Be with us this day, to bless and uphold our souls. Grant us the joy of faith, the patience of hope, and the comfort of love; that we may rejoice in thy mercy, and give praise to thy Name. Save and deliver us from all the evils which we feel or fear, or cause them to work together for our good. Compass us about with thy favour as with a shield. Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve us.

Make us diligent, we pray thee, in the discharge of our temporal and spiritual duties. Incline us so to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, that all other things may be added unto us. Make us watchful and circumspect, ever remembering that thou, O God, seest us. In silent prayer and praise may we lift up our hearts to thee, and have frequent communion with thee. Give us grace to set an infinite value upon our souls. In the midst of life, may we think on death, judgment, and eternity; and give all diligence to be

found of Christ in peace, without spot and blameless.

"O Almighty Lord and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify and govern, both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments ; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul : through our Lord and Saviour Jesus-Christ."

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



## TUESDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life, we bow down before thee this evening ; and we beseech thee to accept and bless us, for the alone sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Saviour. Help us to draw near to thee, and grant us to enjoy communion with thee.

We praise thee for all thy mercies ; and we beseech thee to forgive us all our sins, which are more than we can number, and greater than we express ; for in many things we offend and that continually. Grant us daily repentance toward thee, O God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been



ever of old. Remember not the sins of our youth, nor our transgressions ; but according to thy mercy remember thou us, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord. Heal all our backsliding, receive us graciously, and love us freely.

Give us grace to renounce the world ; make us willing to crucify the flesh ; and strengthen us to resist the devil. Help us to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow Christ. Preserve us from every thing that would dishonour his holy Name. May we depart from all iniquity, and avoid every temptation to sin. Give us to see the evil of sin in the death of Christ. and fill us with holy zeal and indignation against it. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. Make us more humble, more thankful, more holy.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to bless our Queen, and to endue her counsellors with wisdom. We pray thee also to be gracious and favourable to our country, and to fill it with that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

Bless the ministers of thy glorious Gospel, and enable them rightly to divide the word of truth. Give them grace to warn the unruly, to comfort the feeble-minded, to support the weak, and to be patient toward all men.

Bless, Lord, all our dear relations and friends. Extend to them, we beseech thee,

thy grace and mercy. Give them, for Christ's sake, every blessing needful to their salvation.

Have mercy upon all men. Comfort the sick. Succour the tempted. Relieve the oppressed. Be the Father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow. Give joy to those who mourn for sin. Bind up the broken-hearted, and save such as be of a contrite spirit; giving them everlasting consolation and good hope, through thy grace and mercy in Christ Jesus.

Into thy hands we now commend ourselves, our souls and bodies. Enable us, O Lord, to bless and praise thee for all that we have received from thee; and while we rely upon thy mercy, may we ever seek thy honour and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, who hast said that thou wilt be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be thy people; dispose our hearts, by the gracious influence of thy Holy Spirit, to worship thee through one Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accept, through thy Son Jesus Christ, our unfeigned thanksgivings for the mercies of another day. Thou gavest us our being, and thou preservest us from day to day. Through the defenceless hours of the night thou hast kept us in safety. Thou hast given us souls capable of knowing and rejoicing in thee, and bodies by which we may serve thee.

But, O Lord, we thank thee above all for thy spiritual blessings. We bless thee that we were not born in heathen lands, but in this favored country, where the light of thy truth clearly shines. We thank thee for the comfort of the Holy Scriptures, for the labours of faithful ministers, and for all the means of grace. O how great has been thy love to us! Thou sparedst not thine own Son, but deliveredst him up for us all, and with him thou hast freely given us all things.

What shall we render unto the Lord for all his benefits? We desire now afresh to devote ourselves to thy service. We give up ourselves, our whole selves, unto thee. God of peace, sanctify us wholly. God of our life, grant that our whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But with shame and confusion of face, we would confess that we have been rebellious and disobedient. We have abused all thy gifts, and made them occasions of sin. Lord, we acknowledge our impenitence, we confess

our unbelief, we bewail our self-righteousness.

Forgive us all our offences, remember not against us our transgressions, but call to mind thy great and tender mercies which have been ever of old.

Grant unto every one of us a saving interest in the death of Christ, full and free forgiveness of all our sins, and grace and strength to go and sin no more. Lord, help us to love thee, teach us to serve thee. Give us thy strength that we may overcome our corrupt nature. Grant that this day we may have power from on high to resist every temptation, to confess Christ before men, to labor steadfastly with a single eye to thy Glory, to live in the spirit of prayer, in faith, humility, self-denial, and love, and to walk before thee in that narrow way which leads to eternal life. Fill us with love to others. Teach us to do good to all men, and to seek according to our means to visit and relieve the fatherless and the widows in their affliction: and do thou keep us unspotted from the world.

And hear us also we beseech thee in behalf of our relations and friends, our neighborhood, our Minister, and all for whom we ought to pray. Strengthen the weak. Comfort those that are cast down. Heal the sick. Relieve the distressed. Be merciful unto thy Church. O bless us, and cause thy face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known

upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Gracious Lord, not for our worthiness, but for the only name's sake of Jesus Christ, hear these our prayers, which we sum up in his own words.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace of our Lord, &c.



### WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O ETERNAL God, whose name is love, and so loved the world that thou gavest thine only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life; help us, by thy Holy Spirit, to believe in Christ Jesus; and trusting in him to have access unto thee.

We feel our need of a Saviour for sinners; for we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. When we look back even on the past day, thy law accuses us of many sins, and our own consciences justly condemn us.

Grant us thy grace that we may not be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Give us true repentance, and such a sense of our sinfulness as may lead us to despair of salvation by any works of our own: and bring us humble and penitent to the foot of the cross. Help us by faith to behold the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the

world. Teach us to renounce our own righteousness, and to depend wholly on Jesus Christ. May we be able to say and feel, "In the Lord have I righteousness and strength."

We commend ourselves to thy care during the night. Let no evil come nigh us. May our last thought be with thee; and when we awake, may we be still with thee. Refresh our bodies with the quiet repose of the night, and renew our spiritual strength.

Extend thy merciful care to all that are near and dear to us. We pray for all our relatives. May those that are endeared to us by the ties of nature be yet more dear by the stronger bonds of grace. Grant that we may be all one in Christ Jesus our Lord. We pray for our Christian friends, for our neighbours, and all with whom we have intercourse.

Bless those that minister before the Lord. Every where raise up pastors according to thine heart, which shall feed thy people with knowledge and understanding. Grant thy blessing to every Missionary now preaching Christ to the Gentiles.—Cause Jew and Gentile to turn to the Lord, that they may be saved. Bring on the happy day when there shall be one fold and one Shepherd, and when they shall not hurt, nor destroy in all thy holy mountain.

The Lord bless us, and keep us.

The Lord make his face to shine upon us  
and be gracious unto us.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us,  
and give us peace.

And now blessing, and honor, and glory  
and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon  
the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever.  
Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The Grace of our Lord, &c.



#### THURSDAY MORNING.

O THOU Father of mercies and God of all  
comfort, incline our hearts to love thee, and  
give us strength to serve thee. Make us  
truly humble for all our sins : and unfeignedly  
thankful for all thy mercies.

We have destroyed ourselves, but in thee  
is our help. Help us, O God of our salva-  
tion, for the glory of thy Name. O be mer-  
ciful unto us, and deliver us from our sins,  
for thy Name's sake.

We praise thee for the safety and comfort  
of the past night, and adore thee for all thy  
mercies renewed to us this morning. May  
we cheerfully renew the dedication of our-  
selves to thee ; for thine we are, and thee we  
ought to serve. Give us grace to love thee  
truly, to serve thee faithfully, and to depend  
on thee without wavering.

With prayer and watchfulness may we

now enter again on the cares and the duties of life. Preserve us, O Lord, from the evil that is in the world. May we remember thy word, and bring forth the fruits of thy Spirit. Grant us to be pure in heart, and holy in life.

Give thy blessing, O Lord, to all that thy providence may call us to do, and grant us resignation to all that thy wisdom may appoint us to suffer. May we have no will but ~~thine~~, and no regard to any thing compared with thy glory.

May thy love, O blessed Jesus, reign in our hearts, and put the world under our feet. Whilst we sojourn on the earth, may we daily look forward to heaven as our rest, and be travelling towards it as our home.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, to have mercy upon all men. Bless the Queen whom thou hast put in authority over us. Bless the country in which we live. Remember with thy most gracious favour all who are near and dear to us. Cause them to know thy love, to rejoice in thy salvation, and to live after thy commandments.

Be with us, we beseech thee, through this day. Let thine arm defend and strengthen us; and let thy Holy Spirit be our guide and comforter in all our ways.

Favourably with mercy hear these our supplications and prayers, and vouchsafe to accept our praises: through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer; to whom,



with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us ; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us ; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.



### THURSDAY EVENING.

We Praise thee, O Lord, for all thy mercies to us this day. Thou daily pourest out thy benefits upon us. Blessed be thy Name, O thou God of our salvation. May we derive all our joy and peace from thee, and find all our comfort and happiness in living to thee. Establish, we pray thee, that kingdom within us which is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. In this dying world may our faith be in Christ, the resurrection and the life. In this changing world, may we never be moved away from the blessed hope of the Gospel. Let not our faith be overthrown ; let not our hope sink in despair ; let not our love fail : but may they be firmly fixed on Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.

Lead us in the narrow path of eternal life, and uphold our goings, that our footsteps slip not. Enable us so to pass through this world of sin and danger, that we may at last

reach the heavenly Canaan. O bring us to that rest which remaineth for the people of God. Whilst we live may we live unto thee, O Lord ; and when we die may we die unto thee.

Bless us, O Lord, as a family. Forgive us all our sins, and subdue in us every unholy temper and disposition. May we so dwell in love, that thou, the God of love and peace, mayest be with us. Bless our dear friends. Forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts ; and give us grace freely to forgive them, even as we hope to be forgiven. Let the same mind be in us which was also in Christ Jesus. Give us grace so to learn of Him, who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest to our souls, in his mercy and love.

Be gracious and favourable, O Lord, to our country. Let thy providence be our defence, and thy presence our glory. Give to all who are in authority wisdom and courage to use it to the honour of thy Name, and the welfare of those whom thou hast put in subjection under them. Grant to all who are in places of public trust, grace to be faithful to the public interest.

Bless and prosper thy holy church universal, and especially that part of it to which we belong. Increase the number of thy faithful people, and make them fruitful in every good word and work.

Keep us mindful, O Lord, that the end of

all things is at hand Let us not be weary in well-doing, but may we be sober, and watch unto prayer.

May we lie down this night reposing our souls and bodies upon thy mercy and love, O God our Saviour. And when our day of grace is ended, then as faithful servants may we enter into the joy of our Lord, and rejoice in the glory of our blessed and exalted Redeemer: to whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be ascribed everlasting praise. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



### FRIDAY MORNING.

O THOU ever-blessed and glorious Jehovah, we are unworthy to come into thy presence; we are unworthy to call upon thy Name; we deserve nothing but thy wrath. But with thee, O Lord, there is mercy, and with thee is plenteous redemption. Save, Lord, or we perish. O cast us not away from thy presence. Incline thine ear, and hear us. Grant unto us pardon and peace, that we may serve thee with a quiet mind.

Teach us thy ways, O Lord, and enable us to walk in thy truth. Give us grace to delight in thy law, which is holy, just, and good. May we be followers of thee, O God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ

also loved us, and gave himself for us. Prepare us for the duties and trials we may be called to, for we know not what a day may bring forth. Let thy wisdom guide us, and thy power uphold and strengthen us.

Give us not up to the sinful desires of our hearts, neither leave us to follow our vain imaginations. Suffer not the enemies of our peace and salvation to prevail against us. But grant that we, walking in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may enjoy that peace which passeth understanding, and which the world can neither give nor take away.

Living in a world of sin and sorrow, we bless thee, O Lord, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear. Give us grace to follow them, who through faith and patience now inherit the promises. Help us so to fight the good fight of faith that we may lay hold of eternal life.

Regard with thy favour and blessing our dear relations and friends. May they all partake of thy grace here, and of everlasting glory hereafter.

Be merciful to thy church and people, and grant that, however dispersed or distressed, they may all be united and comforted together in Christ. Supply the wants of all who believe in his Name, and are devoted to his service. In all time of their tribulation, good Lord, deliver them.

Bless the Ministers of the Gospel—all who

preach Jesus Christ as the way, the truth, and the life. Add to their number, and increase their faithfulness and zeal. May they speak the truth in love; and give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Bless, gracious God, our country, our Queen, and all whom thy providence hath set over us; and may this be our holy determination: We will serve the Lord, and obey every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake.

Accept our praises, O Lord, for every blessing we enjoy. May thy mercies draw our hearts toward thee in gratitude, and unite them to thee in love. Finally, we beseech thee to bless us when we lie down and when we rise up, and to bless us in our going out and coming in, from this time forth for evermore: through Jesus Christ our Saviour; in whose holy name and words we further pray, saying,

Our Father, &c.

The Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

## FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD God, our heavenly Father, we are met together as a Christian family, to thank thee for the mercies of the past day, and to implore thy blessing before we lie down to rest. We would ever remember the frailty of our nature ; and our utter uncertainty how long we may have to live ; that we must soon go to the Father of our spirits, and give account of all things done in the body, and must then receive our eternal doom.

O may this awful thought return to our minds with each returning day ; that we may enter upon our duties, reflecting on the ends for which we were born ; and may lie down each night, examining whether we are so passing our time on earth, as we shall wish we had done—when we are about to die, and to appear before thy tribunal.

We pray thee, O Lord, to give us a sacred jealousy over ourselves ; lest we fall short of our heavenly calling. May we learn to put our whole trust in thee, and to place our delight in serving thee. Pardon all our disobedience in the time past ; pardon our many negligences as well as sins ; pardon the wasted time, the idle words, and the evil tempers of this day.

We would lie down, trusting in the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord ; in whose gracious promises to every repenting sinner we place all our hope. And while we thus commend

our souls to thy mercies in Christ, to thee do we commit all our worldly affairs. In thine hand, O Lord, whose providence it is that bringeth every thing to pass, we leave the issue of all our undertakings; for thou knowest, better than ourselves, what is for our good.

We beseech thee to bless us with all spiritual blessings; and to sanctify to us the daily events of our lives. We pray thee to lay upon us no greater burthen than we are able to bear; and to train us by thy merciful goodness and thy tender care for the performance of better service than we have yet rendered thee in the world. We pray for strength against every temptation; and for final victory over every sin. Arm us for every conflict; fit us for every duty which we have to fulfil. Let us diligently perform our work in life; let us at the same time live in peace and love, and abound in all offices of kindness to each other.

O Lord, unite us as one Christian family together. May we be partakers of the same faith; and heirs of the same hope. May our united prayers continually ascend to the throne of thy heavenly grace; and may thy blessing rest upon us.

Hear us, we beseech thee, in these our humble supplications, for Jesus Christ our Saviour's sake.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

O LORD God Almighty, the sovereign of Heaven and earth, against whom all our sins have been committed, and by whom alone they can be pardoned, we acknowledge, and desire to feel more and more, that there is none but thee by whom our souls can be sanctified and our wants supplied. We adore thee that thou art able and also ready to hear and help, to bless and save thy people that call upon thee; that thou delightest to show mercy, and lovest the occasions of glorifying thy compassion. We come to thee therefore, O Lord, seeking that mercy which thou knowest we so greatly want, and grace to help in all our times of need, and we beg the same for the sake of thy beloved Son, who alone is worthy, and in whose precious blood is all our trust.

We are defiled with sin, O Lord, and thou mayest well abhor our guilty souls—but O look upon us in the Son of thy love, and prepare us for the mercies which thou hast treasured up for those who believe in him. Make us to feel the burden and the bitterness of our sins, nor let us ever wish to hide them from ourselves, seeing that all things are naked and open to thee, with whom we have to do. Holy Father, carry on with power thy great work—even the work of faith and the sanctification of our souls. Quicken us, and stir us up to thy service,



and assist us in the performance of all our duties, which of ourselves thou knowest we can never perform. Work in us to will and to do of thy good pleasure; establish the things which thou hast already wrought for us and continue to bless us more and more with thy grace till our souls are fitted for the enjoyment of thy glory.

Gracious Lord, thy mercies are fresh and new to us every morning. We have laid us down and awakened again, for thou hast sustained us; thou hast kept us from the terrors of the night and from all harm and violence, so that we are once more risen in peace and safety. Glory be to thee, O God of our salvation, who art still so mindful of us—ever so merciful unto us. Continue to bless us this day, and teach us how to demean ourselves aright and to order our affairs to thy glory. O direct our undertakings. Prosper our endeavours. Rule our hearts in thy fear, and keep us living to thy praise. Behold, we commit ourselves to thee, and all for whom we would pray, and shelter ourselves under the shadow of thy wing. Keep us from evil, help us to do that which is good and pleasing to thee through our blessed Redeemer. Give us, gracious Lord, all that we have asked for as we should—Forgive us all that we have ever asked amiss, and hear and answer our petitions in the name and for the merits of thy beloved Son.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of Our Lord, &c.

## SATURDAY EVENING.

O THOU gracious and merciful God, blessed be thy Name for preserving us in a world of sin and danger. We praise thee for having brought us in safety not only to the end of another day, but also of another week.

We bless thee, O Lord, for all the mercies which we have received from thee; and we pray and beseech thee for Christ's sake to pardon all the sins which we have committed against thee: O blot them out of the book of thy remembrance; let them not appear in judgment against us, but cleanse us from their guilt in the precious blood of Christ our Saviour.

Create and cherish in our souls a hungering and thirsting after righteousness. By faith, with thanksgiving, may we daily feed upon the true bread which came down from heaven. May the Holy Spirit be in us a well of water, springing up unto everlasting life, in holy desires and heavenly affections. Grant, Lord, that we may never thirst after the riches or the pleasures of the world; neither let us be overcharged with its cares, lest that day of Christ's appearing to judge the world come upon us when we look not for it.

Keep us in safety, we beseech thee, this night; and should we see the light of another day, help us, O Lord, to deny ourselves all unnecessary sleep and self-indulgence. Give us grace and strength to rise up early in the morning. Early in the morning may we direct our prayers and praises unto thee, and

look up to the throne of thy grace in humble expectation of thy mercy. May we redeem from our beds some portion of time for prayer and praise, that our souls may prosper and be in health.

Prepare us for the sacred duties of the Sabbath. Visit our souls when we awake with the light of thy heavenly grace. May we arise strengthened and refreshed for thy service. Draw out our desires after thee, and raise our affections to thee. In private devotion, in family prayer, and in public worship, may we enjoy communion with thee, O God, and know thy love to our souls, who art gracious and full of compassion.

Bless thy Ministers, and crown their labours with success. Give them wisdom as well as zeal. Fill them with love, and clothe them with humility.

Bless and defend thy church. Stir up thy faithful people, O Lord, to pray for her peace, and to labour for her prosperity. May all who name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Give to those who profess to abide in him, grace to walk even as he walked. May our whole life be a life of faith and obedience to Christ, the Son of God.

And now, gracious Lord, for all thy patience with us, thy care over us, and thy continual mercies to us, blessed be thy holy name for ever and ever: through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS,

WHICH MAY BE USED TO ANY OF THE  
FOREGOING.

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*When any Member of the Family is Sick.*

HEAR us, almighty and most merciful God and Saviour : extend thy accustomed goodness to thy servant who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech thee, thy fatherly correction to *him* ; that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance : That, if it shall be thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory : or else, give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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*When any Member of the Family is going a  
Journey.*

WE especially entreat thee in behalf of *him*, who in addition to the ordinary dangers of life, is about to be exposed to those more im-

mediately incident to travelling. Grant *him*, we beseech thee, every journeying mercy. Be thou, O Lord, *his* helper, and *his* defence on every side. Let no harm befall *him* by night or by day. Keep *him* from all evil. Preserve *his* going out and coming in ; and be with *him* amidst all the vicissitudes of this earthly pilgrimage till thou hast brought *him* to thy holy temple, to be a pillar in the house of his God, and to go no more out.

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*For those under Affliction.*

“ LOOK upon all who are afflicted and distressed, whether in mind, body, or estate. Heal thou their infirmities, remove their trials, and in the mean time sanctify to them all thy dispensations. May every pain, and every trial, lead them, and lead us all, to prepare more earnestly for that blessed state, when there shall be no more death, and where sorrow and sighing shall for ever flee away.”

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*Prayer before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

GRACIOUS Lord, I am now invited to thy table. May I go to it with a broken and a contrite heart. O blessed Jesus, may I look upon thee, whom my sins have pierced, and mourn. Grant to me pardon and peace, through the atonement of thy precious blood.

Cleanse me from my sins, and clothe me with thy righteousness. And while I feel my guilt as a sinner, grant me, O thou crucified Saviour, to rejoice in thy mercy. Increase my faith in thee, and fill my soul with love to thee.

Let the bread, which I hope to receive, remind me of thy body, which was broken for our sins and bruised for our iniquities; and may I feed on thee in my heart by faith, with thanksgiving. May the wine bring to my remembrance thy precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin, and which was shed to make reconciliation for iniquity. May I receive it with thankfulness, and be filled with all joy and peace in believing, and abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. May I do all in remembrance of thee, O Lord Jesus, and in obedience to thy word. O thou Lamb of God that madest peace by the blood of thy cross, speak peace to my soul; and be thou graciously pleased to manifest thyself unto me as thou dost not unto the world.

May I return from thy table, O Lord, strengthened and refreshed for thy holy and blessed service. Didst thou die for me? O let me live to thee. Give me grace to deny myself, to take up my cross, and to follow thee. Bought with a price which angels cannot reckon, may I glorify thee both in my body and in my spirit, which are thine. Help me to crucify the flesh, with its affec-

tions and lusts. Grant me to be more meek and lowly in heart, and to be more spiritually minded, which is life and peace.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of those who are filled with groundless fears lest they should eat and drink unworthily. Comfort those whom Satan would drive to despair; and give rest to all who are weary and heavy laden with sin. Convince of their guilt and misery those who will not come to the feast which thou hast prepared; and have mercy upon those who may presume to come without that preparation of heart which is from thee. Shew them their danger, whether they are madly living in sin, or vainly trusting in their own righteousness.

But, leaving the souls of others to thy righteous judgment, O thou Divine Saviour, who knowest what is in man, help me to judge, and try, and examine myself, whether I be in the faith. And when the tares shall no longer grow together with the wheat, then may thy holy angels gather me with all thy redeemed into thy kingdom, to rejoice in thy love, and to praise thy Name, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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*Grace before Meals.*

BLESS, O Lord, these thy creatures to our use, and by them fit us for thy service, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

OR,

BLESS us, O Lord, in what we are going to receive, and make us truly thankful: for Jesus Christs' sake. *Amen.*

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*Grace after Meals.*

FOR this and all his goodness, God's holy name be praised, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

OR,

GRACIOUS God, may the food which we have received strengthen our bodies; and may thy Holy Spirit strengthen and refresh our souls, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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*A Prayer on entering Church.*

POUR down upon me, O Lord, and upon this congregation, the Spirit of grace and of supplication. May we worship thee in spirit and in truth; and hear and receive thy holy word to the salvation of our souls: through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*



*A Prayer before leaving Church.*

PARDON O Lord, whatsoever thy pure eyes have seen amiss in me ; and grant that I may not be a forgetful hearer, but a patient doer of thy word ; that hereafter I may be glorified with thee for ever, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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*The Child's first Prayer.*

O LORD, bless me, and make me a good child. Bless my dear father and mother\* ; bless my dear brothers and sisters\* ; and keep us this day [night] from all evil ; for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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